

REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for considering the present application. In the Office Action dated April 21, 2005, the Examiner restricts the invention to Group I, Claims 1-52, in Group II, Claims 53-61. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the restriction requirement.

The specification has been amended to replace the attorney docket numbers with the appropriate serial numbers for related applications.

The drawings have been amended. The reference numeral "171" has been removed from Figure 5A. A corrected version of Figure 5A is provided with the reference numeral 172 therein. The specification has also been amended to refer to Figures 5A and 5B.

In paragraph 4 of the restriction requirement, the Examiner divides the species into A, B and C corresponding to respective Figures 3, 15 and 19. Figure 3 shows the overall system block diagram, Figure 15 shows a method for operating the system with respect to a number of thresholds, and Figure 19 illustrates a flow chart showing trailering of the invention. Applicants hereby elect Group I, Claims 1-52. However, Applicants respectfully submit that only one species is illustrated. Claim 53 corresponds in a similar manner to Claim 29. Therefore, Claims 53-61 should be considered at the same time as Claim 29. Both claims are similar in that Claim 29 is a method of controlling an automotive vehicle wherein Claim 53 is the vehicle. Claim 53 has a controller programmed to perform the step that is recited in Claim 29. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that any thorough examination of Claim 29 would include the vehicle since Claim 29 is directed to a method of controlling the vehicle. Applicants therefore respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the groupings in the restriction requirement.

With respect to the species, Applicants respectfully submit that only one species is illustrated in the claims. The species as set forth by the Examiner correspond to the overall system of Figure 3, which Applicants elect. Figure 15 recites the thresholds and Figure 19

recites the trailering of a vehicle. Applicants respectfully submit that multiple inventions are described in the invention and were submitted simultaneously herewith. Therefore, claims corresponding to species B and C are not present in the current application. Applicants therefore respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the restriction requirement on these grounds as well.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that all objections are now overcome. Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance and expeditious notice thereof is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney. Please charge any fees required in the filing of this amendment to Deposit Account 06-1510.

Respectfully submitted,



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